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## Consumer Price Index – March 2015

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.1% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.2% for Canada, 0.1% for Edmonton while prices in Whitehorse declined by 1.0%.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

| | 15-Mar | 15-Feb | 14-Mar | 15-Feb | 14-Mar | 12-Month Average 14-Apr 15-Mar | 13-Apr 14-Mar | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yellowknife | 129.4 | 128.4 | 128.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 128.7 | 126.7 | 1.6 |
| Canada | 126.3 | 125.4 | 124.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 125.5 | 123.2 | 1.9 |
| Edmonton | 132.6 | 131.6 | 132.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 132.0 | 129.8 | 1.7 |
| Whitehorse | 123.0 | 122.1 | 124.3 | 0.7 | -1.0 | 124.0 | 123.5 | 0.4 |

Compared to March 2014, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter, clothing & footwear and transportation. Higher prices for food (4.2%) and electricity (7.9%) were partially offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-22.4%) and gasoline (-15.8%).

**Figure 1**
**Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31)**
**Canada & Yellowknife, 2000/01 to 2014/15**

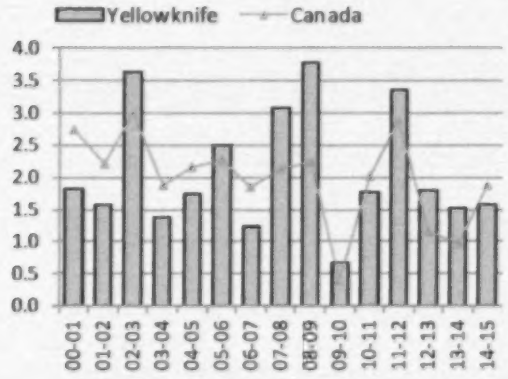


Figure 1 shows how prices change from one fiscal year to the next based on a 12-month average index (ending March 31). Governments tend to use this annual inflation rate to evaluate the prices of their goods and services. Between 2013/14 and 2014/15, the annual inflation rate for Yellowknife was 1.6%.

Both the Yellowknife and Canadian inflation rates were higher in 2014/15 than in 2013/14. This is the first time in four years where the rate in Yellowknife was lower than the rate in Canada.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

| | 15-Mar | 15-Feb | 14-Mar | % Change from 15-Feb | % Change from 14-Mar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Items | 129.4 | 128.4 | 128.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Food | 136.7 | 137.0 | 131.2 | -0.2 | 4.2 |
| Food from Stores | 135.9 | 136.4 | 129.2 | -0.4 | 5.2 |
| Food from Restaurants | 137.7 | 137.6 | 136.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Shelter | 150.1 | 150.0 | 151.0 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity | 191.6 | 190.3 | 205.2 | 0.7 | -6.6 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 113.4 | 112.4 | 110.5 | 0.9 | 2.6 |
| Household Operations | 121.9 | 121.6 | 120.6 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Household Furnishings | 95.7 | 93.5 | 90.8 | 2.4 | 5.4 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 97.4 | 95.5 | 102.2 | 2.0 | -4.7 |
| Clothing | 91.2 | 88.3 | 95.5 | 3.3 | -4.5 |
| Footwear | 94.3 | 93.4 | 94.6 | 1.0 | -0.3 |
| Clothing Accessories & Jewellery | 129.2 | 128.7 | 146.4 | 0.4 | -11.7 |
| Clothing Material, Notions & Services | 110.1 | 111.1 | 109.8 | -0.9 | 0.3 |
| Transportation | 122.8 | 118.8 | 122.9 | 3.4 | -0.1 |
| Private Transportation | 122.9 | 117.0 | 123.0 | 5.0 | -0.1 |
| Public Transportation | 125.8 | 128.2 | 125.7 | -1.9 | 0.1 |
| Health & Personal Care | 120.4 | 119.8 | 117.6 | 0.5 | 2.4 |
| Health Care | 116.7 | 116.0 | 114.6 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Personal Care | 124.2 | 123.7 | 120.8 | 0.4 | 2.8 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading | 101.7 | 101.3 | 97.5 | 0.4 | 4.3 |
| Recreation | 97.4 | 96.9 | 92.8 | 0.5 | 5.0 |
| Education & Reading | 126.6 | 127.3 | 126.0 | -0.5 | 0.5 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products | 166.1 | 165.9 | 162.3 | 0.1 | 2.3 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 148.9 | 149.0 | 146.3 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies | 185.8 | 185.0 | 180.0 | 0.4 | 3.2 |
| SPECIAL AGGREGATES: | | | | | |
| All-Items Excluding: | | | | | |
| Food | 128.1 | 126.8 | 127.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Energy | 125.2 | 124.3 | 122.3 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| Shelter | 120.8 | 119.4 | 118.6 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 129.0 | 127.9 | 127.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Tobacco Products | 128.4 | 127.3 | 127.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Housing (1986 Definition) | 138.6 | 138.1 | 138.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS: | | | | | |
| Energy | 173.7 | 171.3 | 194.1 | 1.4 | -10.5 |
| Electricity | 189.4 | 189.4 | 175.5 | - | 7.9 |
| Fuel Oil And Other Fuels | 226.3 | 222.3 | 291.8 | 1.8 | -22.4 |
| Natural Gas | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Gasoline | 133.4 | 129.8 | 158.4 | 2.8 | -15.8 |
| Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rec'l Vehicles | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Note: Additional indexes are available from the Time Series Retrieval and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada